Nora’s Software Research

   

Microsoft Office 2010 Easy Grade Pro 4.0.3 Aeries Illuminate

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Software Used by Students 2011-2012

(Computer Lab)

  

Jiji Ticket to Read! Study Island

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Many of my students enjoyed their time on ‘Ticket to Read!’, but I did not how to monitor what they were doing, or what progress they were making, if any. I went to their website and the first thing I learned was that it was part of Voyager, which is one of our district’s RTI’s resources. In their help support section, I found several downloadable attachments, as well as other non-downloadable resources in their ‘Resources’ section.

I now understand the way each passaged is organized in Ticket to Read. The program takes students through progressive sections: First Read, Words to Know,

Think About, Maze, and Quiz. If a student does not reach the wpm goal in the ‘First Read’, he/she then completes the Practice section only prior to completing the passage’s progressive sections. There is a navigation bar that is highlighted to indicate the section the student is in.

**Overview**

1. **First Read**, students read the passage cold after clicking on ‘Start’.

2. **Words to Know**, students click on word card tabs to learn about a targeted vocabulary word.

3. **Think About** presents information on an essential comprehension skill or strategy.

4. Students in Level 3 or above complete the **Maze** section. They choose the correct words from lists to complete sentences in a story.

5. For the **Quiz**, students select the answer and click ‘Check Answer’. Following the **Quiz**, they get two opportunities to correct all incorrect answers. Each correct answer

is worth tickets.

6. Students save their tickets and use them to buy items from the Toy Store.

**Generate reports**

Ticket to Read generates reports on each student’s number of ‘Passages Read’, their ‘First Level’, ‘Current Level’, ‘Average Time Online’. The data is also broken up into 2 parts, ‘Last Week’ and ‘Cumulative’. After reviewing my students’ reports from 2011-2012 school year, I can only say, “I wish I knew then what I know now!” There is also a ‘Weekly Student Report’ that can be sent home to parents, although I would encourage parents to view their student’s progress online.